(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, against an envisaged coffee expansion target of 130,000 hectares by 2000 AD the coffee Board has already achieved expansion of about 75,000 hectares ever since the commencement of the Boards expansion programmes in 1976-77.

Killing of innocent persons in Punjab by terrorists

37. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI F. M. KHAN:
SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that killing of innocent persons by terrorists is still going on unabated in Punjab;

(b) what is the number of persons killed by the terrorists during 1987 and so far during the current year in Punjab;

(c) how many terrorists were apprehended during the same period and what is the number of those who escaped from the police custody; and

(d) what steps have been taken to curb their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the Government of Punjab 910 persons were killed in incidents due to terrorist activities during 1987 and 143 were killed in such activities in January, 1988. 3750 suspected terrorists were arrested during 1987 and 171 in January, 1988. Twenty one terorists escaped from custody duing the period 12th May, 1987 to 15th November, 1987.

The steps taken to check terrorist activities in the State include raids on the hideouts of terrorists and their harbourers/associates, intensification of patrolling and prompt follow up action on the information received about activities of such elements.

Purification of Ganga river

38. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made so far with regard to the purification of the Ganga river and by when the work is likely to be completed; and

(b) what amount has been spent on this venture so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) A works programme of Rs. 292.31 crores for UP, Bihar and West Bengal has been approved by the Central Ganga Authority under the Ganga Action Plan for prevention of pollutoin of the river. Under the programme, a total of 259 schemes have been identified to be taken up in the three States. Out of these, till 31st Jan., 88, 194 schemes have been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 200.61 crores. Work is in progress in 25 out of 27 towns covered by the plan. So far 11 schemes at a cost of Rs. 4.17 crores have been completed.

Under the Ganga Action Plan, the State Governments of UP, Bihar and West Bengal are responsible for the execution of the schemes. Most of the schemes for interception and diversion of waste water under the Action Plan are expected to be completed by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

The outlay during the Seventh Five Year Plan period is Rs. 240.00 crores. Upto 31st Jan., 1988 an amount of Rs. 54.76 crores has been made available to the implementing agencies in the three States to meet the expenditure on the schemes.